

Colonel Dulaney Takes Command Of 107th CT

New Unit's CO Is ETO Vet, West Pointer

Col. Robert L. Dulaney, who served with both the 45th and 44th Divisions throughout the Battle of Europe, arrived at Fort Benning last Friday afternoon to take command of First Army's newly formed 107th Combat Team. He succeeds Col. Raymond M. Heckman, S-3 Fourth Headquarters, First Army, who has served the past week as temporary commander.

Col. Dulaney came to Fort Benning via Washington, D. C. from Camp Swift, Texas, where he commanded the 5th Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, Special Troops, Fourth Army, graduate of the Military Academy, Class of 1923. Col. Dulaney's assignment marks his second at Fort Benning, for included in his varied 23 years army career is a tour of duty as a company commander in the 18th Infantry of the famous "Red" 1st Division, which was stationed at Fort Benning in 1929.

Colonel Dulaney, then Captain Dulaney, was transferred to the 2nd Division in 1940, and left Benning for Fort Sam Houston. Two years later he was assigned to the 45th "Thunderbird" Division and soon commanded one of the battalions of the 157th Infantry. When the 64th Tank Destroyers Battalion was organized, Colonel Dulaney became its commander, and later took the unit to Africa. His next assignment returned him to the famous 45th Division as executive officer of the 108th Infantry Regiment, while the unit was engaged in the Sicilian campaign. He later commanded the regiment through the Naples-Foggia and Rome-Arno campaigns, during which he received his promotion to the rank of Colonel.

When the 45th was pulled out of Italy and invaded Southern France, Col. Dulaney led the 108th throughout the campaign. Later he was assigned to the 44th Division, while both the 44th and 45th were part of General Patch's 7th Army, as Assistant Division Commander.

With the cessation of European hostilities and the receipt of early redeployment orders and arrived in the United States in mid-1945. After the customary 30-day temporary duty furloughs the unit reassembled at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. Meanwhile the Japanese surrenders automatically cancelled all future Pacific operations for the 44th, and it received inactivation orders.

When the 44th broke up Col. Dulaney went to Camp Swift, Texas to take over the 5th Headquarters.

Col. Dulaney wears the Silver Star with clusters, both for coming to him from the Infantry in action, while leading the 108th Infantry; the Legion of Merit and Bronze Star, awarded for his service with the 44th Division, and the Croix de Guerre, awarded for action in France with the 45th Division as leader of the 108th Infantry.

Col. Dulaney's wife, Polly Venable Dulaney, and their children, 2nd Lt. Julius Barkley, age 21; Madge Barkley, age 18; and Venable Barkley, age 13, are expected on the Post later this week.

Major Belsky Commands New 375th Med. Co.

Maj. John Belsky, veteran of the Rhineland and Central European campaigns, has been appointed commanding officer of the recently activated 375th Medical Clearing Co., of the 107th Combat Team, was announced by Lt. Col. D. M. White, adjutant general of Fourth Headquarters, First Army.

Major Belsky earned two battle stars while serving with the 118th Evacuation Hospital, and returned to the United States where he was appointed commanding officer of the 602nd Medical Clearing Co., which was inactivated last month. Before going overseas Major Belsky served at Fort MacArthur, Calif.; Carlisle Barracks, Pa.; Edgewood Arsenal, Md.; and Camp Bowie, Tex. He came on active duty in September 1942. He is the son of Mrs. Stella K. Belsky of Chelsea, Mass.

Reserve Officers To Meet Tuesday For Reactivation

The Columbus, Phenix City and Ft. Benning chapters of the Reserve Officers' Association will be reactivated Tuesday at a special meeting at 7:30 p. m. in the Superior court room of Muscogee courthouse.

All personnel who hold reserve commissions, including enlisted men on active duty, are urged to be present. Lt. Col. Dixon Wadsworth, CMP, said.

The association was deactivated in June, 1942, when there were 66 members.

Plans for regular meetings will be discussed and a nominating committee to recommend chapter officers will be selected at Tuesday's meeting, Colonel Wadsworth said.

For additional information on the reactivation of the association interested persons may call 2-2381.

'45 RED CROSS TOTAL PASSED BY AUXILIARY

Donations Roll in, Colonel Coulbourn, Chairman, Reports

Contributions to the 1946 Fort Benning campaign for the American Red Cross have started rolling in to the officers of the fund, Lt. Col. William C. Coulbourn announced today after receiving preliminary reports from the major units on the post.

Most encouraging of the reports was the announcement that the Ladies Auxiliary had already surpassed the 1945 total by a wide margin, Colonel Coulbourn said.

The Auxiliary, working under the direction of Mrs. W. P. Shepherd, executive vice-chairman of the Red Cross campaign committee, netted \$442.05 from the benefit bridge party staged March 1 to swell the total collections for the group to \$667.24.

Volunteer collectors stationed at exchange, the post office, bank, officers' clubs and Main Theater have collected \$245.19 thus far.

Installations to Report

The first formal reporting period for major installations will be over the weekend, Colonel Coulbourn said.

"It is expected that the post will make a creditable showing in spite of depleted numbers of personnel," the executive chairman asserted.

Medals, Plaque Awarded at TABS Review

Six awards were presented to officers and enlisted men of the Airborne School following a review of TABS personnel last Saturday morning by Maj. Gen. Gerry Chapman, commander of TABS. Col. Robert S. Palmer, acting assistant commander, looks on center.

The Silver Star was awarded Capt. Henry W. Jones for his "heroic action in the Philippine Islands from February 16 to March 2, 1945."

Col. George M. Jones, director of training at TABS and former commanding officer of the 33rd Parachute Infantry Regiment, received the Legion of Merit for his "outstanding service" in the Philippines from April 7 to May 1, 1945.

The Purple Heart was presented to S-Sgt. Frank E. Guff for wounds received in France in June, 1944.

Commendation Ribbons were awarded to the following cadets for their outstanding service at the Parachute and Airborne Schools during the time of the review: M-Sgt. Idus W. Newton February 1943 to January 1946.

M-Sgt. Guy N. Sanders, March 1942 to January 1946.

S-Sgt. Morris Green, April 1945 to February 1946.

The Women's Army Corps unit of the Airborne School received the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque for their "conspicuous service in connection with a military detachment."

The War Department specifically cited the WACS "superior performance in duty and achievements during the period from August 31, 1945 to January 31, 1946."

An acquaintance with basic German will, of course, be a valuable asset to the soldier who is going to spend some time in the zone of occupation. He will be able to ask the simple directions and questions everyone must ask in order to get about conveniently in strange cities. But more important, he will gain, through his knowledge of the language, a better understanding of the German character and mind—the kind of understanding that should help make our occupation successful.

"In addition to a USAFI text book, we will use photograph records of simple conversational German, spoken by Germans, as a guide to correct pronunciation and idiomatic expression."

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Sgt. Johnson Appointed Assistant Section Chief

Sgt. John M. Johnson has been listed in the Classification manual as assistant chief of the enlistment section in the School Troops. The Infantry Schools.

Prior to Sergeant Johnson's entry into the army, he was circulation manager for the Berkeley (Calif.) Gazette. He entered the service in August, 1944, from Madison, South Dakota.

TABS Graduates First 'Double Wing' Troopers



157 Qualify As Glidermen And 'Chutists'

BY SGT. F. W. ANGELO

The initial class of combination paratroopers-and-glidermen was graduated in impressive ceremonies at the Airborne School last Saturday morning when 157 "troopers" received the dual wings of "chutists" and glidermen from Maj. Gen. Gerry Chapman, commander of The Airborne School.

First to receive the two coveted badges was Pfc. William C. Blackwell of College Park, Atlanta, Ga. The awards were made in Theatre No. 3 following a parade and review of the Airborne School by General Chapman.

The graduation ceremony marked the completion of the first class under the new intensive eight week basic Airborne qualification course initiated last January when The Parachute School was transformed into The Airborne School. General Chapman congratulated the 157 troopers for successfully completing the course and setting a precedent for future airborne training.

Set New Pattern

Citing the benefits of the new intensive training program which includes the former parachute training as well as glider and advanced airborne tactics, General Chapman told the soldiers they were setting a new pattern for revolutionized airborne training.

The training you have just completed, General Chapman declared, "is the result of countless surveys of actual combat experiences gleaned from this past war."

Pfc. Blackwell and his 156 classmates are now qualified jumpers and glidermen with each man trained for specific duties in an airborne combat unit. They have been schooled in a rapid and efficient post-jump assembly to a smoothly coordinated and well-executed accomplishment of the mission.

The old parachute school as such was hampered by a constant crying need for more and more qualified jumpers as the war progressed. The school was forced to train men fast and in great numbers in order to offset combat losses.

With the end of the war, however, the emphasis for jumpers dropped sharply and gave the Parachute School a breathing spell. Officials of the school took this opportunity to assimilate the training methods and future needs "troopers" based upon the experience learned in combat.

On January 1, the Airborne School was activated and an eight-week course in both jumping and glider work instituted at the school.

Study 'Chute First

The first four weeks of the new combined course are devoted to familiarization with the use of the parachute as a means of dropping both men and equipment on any given and specific area ready for immediate action. The remaining months is given over to glider training and advanced airborne instruction.

The glider qualification course includes a theoretical course in cargo, gliders, knots and lashings, loading and lashing of organizational equipment, computation of the center of gravity, personnel flights, tactical flights with loads to Tuskegee, Ala., and return, the use of the glider in the field. Students are also given instruction proper loading of C-47 cargo planes.

Under the direction of the Air Landing Training Division, the various specialist schools, such as the 39th Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, Special Troops, First Army, General Jacob Deane, Commanding General, Army Ground Forces, announced. Personnel as needed and functions of the Eastern Defense Command will be transferred to the First, Second and Fourth Armies. The headquarters of the 39th Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment will be maintained at Governors' Island, New York, as that of the old Eastern Defense Command Headquarters. Most of the headquarters of the old EDC Headquarters will be retained in the new headquarters.

This amalgamation of headquarters is part of the present program of "streamlining" Ground Forces and will reduce the number of headquarters in the East Coast area, putting all the Ground Force installations in that area under one command.

Effective March 1, the headquarters of the Eastern Defense Command, Governors Island, New York, was transferred to the First U. S. Army and redesignated as the 39th Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, Special Troops, First Army, General Jacob Deane, Commanding General, Army Ground Forces, announced.

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Although graduation day, July 3, 1946, is a long way off, all the students eagerly anticipate the day they step from the ranks to become officers in the Army of the United States.

Most of the men, after finishing basic training, later attend various specialist schools, such as Radar, Communications, Demolitions and Aerial Gunnery. They represent Army posts all over the United States and surrounding territories.

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SEWING MACHINES MASTERED BY MEN—Women can no longer claim a monopoly on needle and thread, as is proved by this picture showing rigger students of The Airborne School enthusiastically concentrating on the art of sewing. (AirborneSchool Photo)

Perry Decorated With Bronze Star

Maj. Edwin R. Perry, plans and training officer of the 129th Engineer Battalion, was decorated with the Bronze Star Medal by Lt. Col. Sidney P. Martin, battalion commander, in a brief ceremony held in the Harmony Church Area Saturday.

Major Perry was cited for the medal for "meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from July 1944 to May 1945" while serving with the 29th Engineer Battalion in Europe.

Major Perry is the son of Mrs. Florence L. Perry of Weehawken, N. J.

SORRY!

Because of circumstances beyond the control of the publishers, this week's BAYONET is late and only half its usual size. But we'll be "on the ball" again starting with the issue of Thursday, March 14.

Comedy Sketch Aired on ITD's Program Monday

Monday, March 11, at 5:15 p. m., over Station WRBL, ITD No. 1 presents "The Spotted Life," featuring Pfc. Chester Herwitz of 1st F. A. Tng. Btry., 1st Cavalry Division, and M. C. W. Herwitz in an original comedy sketch the trials and tribulations of a G. I.

"In the Spotlight," produced by the A. & R. Office of ITD No. 1, will be aired on Monday, March 11, at 8:00 p. m. The sketch is supervised by Lt. Ariel Maughan.

Academic Corporal Teaches Course In Spoken German

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Vets Win Second Half Hoop Title

By taking a 70-57 victory last week over the Airborne Troopers, the School Troops Vets captured the second half crown of the Post League and the distinction of winning both ends of the split season.

The Troopers made a battle of it in the first quarter and the score was knotted at 15-11. In the next period, however, the Vets' smooth scoring combination of Henry Berning and Walter Kersulis went to work and the Vets rolled to a 32-28 halftime lead.

The Vets kept rolling in the second half and when the game ended Berning had fired in 27 points to lead the scoring. Wheeler Leath made good with his one-handed shot for 19 points to lead the Trooper scoring.

The Vets had captured the first half of the league play by winning all seven of their games, playing under the name of the Snipers. As the Troopers had already lost a close one to the Pros they were dropped to third place in the second half play, while the Pros ended in second place with two wins against one loss.

Final standings:
Team W L Pct.
Team Pros 3 0 1.000
Team Snipers 2 1 .667
Team Troopers 1 2 .333
Team Medics 0 3 .000

7th Armored Vets Form Association

A group of Seventh Armored Division members is organizing the Seventh Armored Division Association.

It is requested that all former members of the Seventh Armored Division contact: Secretary, Division Association, 1307 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., giving their names and present addresses.

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Snipers Fight For Georgia in ABC Tourney

The Fort Benning Snipers will journey to Atlanta this weekend to compete in the National American Basketball Congress tournament which will run Sunday through Friday.

The Snipers earned the right to represent the state of Georgia in the ABC tournament by winning the State Open tournament early in February.

The Sniper squad will include Henry Berning, Walter Kersulis, Ace Maughan, John Mascavage, Gene Degyansky, Andy Bryant, H. C. Shands, Wheeler Leath, Lou Otto and George Smith.

Lieutenant Burnett Named Assistant Personnel Officer

Lt. William P. Burnett Jr., former processing officer at assistant S-1, has been named assistant personnel officer of School Troops, Colonel Sevier R. Tupper, commanding officer of School Troops, The Infantry School, has announced.

While in combat Lt. Burnett was a mortar platoon leader in the 34th Infantry. He served in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany and Czechoslovakia. After cessation of hostilities, he served as personnel officer for the 347th until the inactivation of that regiment. Besides the Combat Infantryman Badge, he wears the Purple Heart and EAME Ribbon with three battle stars.

Lieutenant Burnett was commissioned in the Officers Reserve Corps in May 1942, and was later appointed assistant personnel officer for the 26th and the 87th Infantry divisions.

One section of the Papua desert of Peru has not had a drop of rain for more than 45 years.

RC Hoopsters Win 57-50 Over Tuskegee USO

BY CPL. W. A. HAGINS

The Reception Center basketball team eked out a 57-50 thriller over the Tuskegee USO Club Hoopsters in a game played at Tuskegee Wednesday night. This was a hard fought game from start to finish with both teams playing brilliant ball and hitting the hoops from all angles of the court.

Near half-time, the USO Club started a furious attack that was too much for the Hoopsters. They slipped through the Hoopsters' zone and sank several under-the-basket shots to take a 32-22 lead at intermission.

With the opening whistle of the second half the Reception Center launched a decisive counterattack. Tiger sharpshooters found their range, banked 16 field goals and added three charity shots to build up a comfortable lead over their opponents.

Williamson sank the Hoopsters' last two double deckers in the final minutes of play. Brooks gathered 22 points for the Reception Center for game high-score and held Jones, Tuskegee star, to 17 scores. Wilbur George, Tiger pivotman, banked eight baskets and sank three charity shots for 19 points.

98 Promoted In Academic

Promotions for 98 enlisted men were announced this week by headquarters, Academic Regiment, The Infantry School. Those advanced with their new ranks are: Sgts. Ernest F. Hiser, Frederick Laughton, Lawrence L. Breitkopf, Bernard E. Blackburn, Robert E. Strickland, Nick Vulcan Jr., John J. Walsh, Henry S. Conway, Jesse J. P. Wood, Robert E. Guest, Albert A. Huggins, Donald C. Kelley, Erby L. Divine, Orville J. Blackburn, Phibert E. Phelps, Charles M. Litchfield, Claude R. Wilcox, Wilford H. Von Gunter, Robert E. Cole, Vernon E. Barks, Kenneth L. Moore, Seivert J. Larson, Elroy E. Backstrom, Burling W. Nye, Russell L. Cooper, Sr., Row W. Meacham, Wayne H. Pauli, Wallace S. Sorensen, Irving W. Talton.

Technicians Fourth Grade Stanley J. Gut, John F. McKeown, Eugene Morgan, Warren M. Ballard, John D. Wright, Walter Slumpp Jr., Richard L. Angel, Vincent J. Trezza, Benjamin C. Zar, Roy L. Burnett, Thomas P. Holmes, Lawrence E. Cumbinner, William R. Price Jr., Robert E. Nunee, Willie P. Davis.

New Corporals: Cpls. James P. Eads, Albert F. Clark, Robert E. Ehrhardt, Albert L. Abington, Harry W. Hawley, James E. Scroggs, James M. Zeller, Richard M. Straw, William L. Hoffman, Donald E. Olds, Blair W. Archibald, Eugene R. Grimes, Morris E. Baker, Roy V. Bullard, William M. Scott, Milton C. Mussman, Stephen J. Forshtoffer, Clifford H. Gray Jr., Eugene L. Danford, Earl B. Williams, Eldon J. Holloway, Wesley S. Eisminger, Charles LeGrant, Leslie F. Lipham, Angus E. Brewster, Gust Anderson, Eugene W. Carroll, James W. Robinson, Nicholas N. Solovoff, William H. Hagendorn, Wesley R. Goldfine, Albert V. Rogers, Sidney J. Miller, Leo C.

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SECOND PLACE TROPHY—The Infantry School Snipers had to settle for second place in the Southeastern AAU Tournament held in Atlanta last week. The Sniper squad left to NATTC beat the Snipers 48-47 in a thrilling contest all the way. The Sniper squad left to right are: Gene Degyansky, Walter Kersulis, Henry Berning, Lou Otto, Ace Maughan, Guy Crawford, John Mascavage (holding trophy), Andy Bryant, Jim Homer, H. C. Shands and Coach, Lt. George Bender. (Infantry School Photo by R. J. Bjornson.)

Golf Committee Announces Rules For Local Course

With the approach of spring and increasing availability of golf clubs and balls, the Golf Committee anticipates an increasing use of the golf course. For this reason the committee points out that every golfer should know and observe the rules governing play on the course. The committee appreciates the fact that many of the players are beginners, and welcomes them into the golfing fraternity.

It is the responsibility of the newer players thoroughly to familiarize themselves with the rules of golf etiquette and rules governing local play. It is also the responsibility of the older players to advise the beginners concerning such rules, and such advice should be given in which it is given. For the convenience of all, the local rules are published below. Additional copies may be obtained at the Golf Shop.

Rules for Golf Club
The golf course at Fort Benning is maintained by the Professional Club for its membership and, when possible, a limited number of enlisted personnel of the garrison. Operation and maintenance is under the direct charge of Mr. Frank Goss, Club Professional. He is responsible to the Board of Governors for the enforcement of local rules and regulations, under the supervision of the Golf Committee.

The course is being improved continually, and at present is in the best of playing condition. It represents 15 years of development, the expense of which has been borne by members of the Officers' Club. No appropriated funds have ever been used. Members of the Officers' Club should realize that included in the current very modest club dues is the privilege of a golf course similar to those maintained by country clubs at considerable expense to the membership.

It is regretted that the course will not accommodate all enlisted personnel who desire to play. The number who are issued permits is necessarily limited to the better players. Beginners will not be issued permits.

Much of the pleasure to be derived from golf is dependent upon knowledge of and compliance with the official rules of golf. Regulations designed to meet local conditions, and practice of the Golden Rule. The USGA Official Rules are posted at the clubhouse. The Golden Rule may be found in the 14th Chapter, 12th Verse of the Book of Matthew. Local rules and points of etiquette appear below:

Foursomes Preferred
(1) Whenever possible, players will make up foursomes. This is essential at times when the course is crowded.

Bene, Frank P. Simmons, Edward S. Hall, Robert C. Eischelman, Francis W. Stankard, Harold Krause, Lewis L. Wright Jr., Technicians Fifth Grade Frank W. Densmore, William J. MacMurray, Louis F. Deary, Harold W. Dray, Victor L. Vandervort, Richard H. Casper, Billy J. Boyd, Marvin C. Mathies.

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listed men will enter name, rank and organization.
(5) Each player must have a set of clubs.
(6) Do not expect to draw an experienced caddy these days. You will be lucky to get one at all.
(7) Smooth out your footprints in sand traps.
(8) The position of tee markers is changed frequently by the greenskeeper for the purpose of preserving the turf, and to provide a variety of tee shots on the par 3 holes. Players will not move markers to suit themselves. Woman players will habitually play from the front of the tees.
(9) Replace divots. Do not take a divot on a practice swing. Turf is precious.
(10) Women players are not permitted on the course on Wednesday afternoon, Saturday afternoon, Sunday morning, and mornings of official holidays. Officers' wives who are employed as civilians on the post are permitted to play on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons. Their status must be explained to the Golf Pro before beginning to play at those times. There is no restriction on WAC personnel and Army Nurses. On Sundays enlisted men must start before 10 a. m., and are not permitted to play more than 18 holes.
(11) Members will not introduce as guests other officers who are eligible to membership.
(12) Play is under USGA Rules except as indicated on the scorecard.
(13) Post orders prohibit wearing of swimming or gymnasium clothes.

Players Must Register
(4) All players are required to register in the book provided before starting a round. Officers and families will enter name and their Officers' Club number; enlisted men will enter name, rank and organization.

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(14) The Golf Committee is authorized to reserve a block of starting times for tournament matches and exhibitions have priority on the course at all times.

(15) Children under 18 will not play unless in the company of an adult, except by special permission of the Golf Committee.

(16) Starting times may be reserved on Wednesday afternoons, Saturday afternoons, Sundays and holidays by calling Mr. Goss at 2256. Starting times may not be reserved more than one day in advance.

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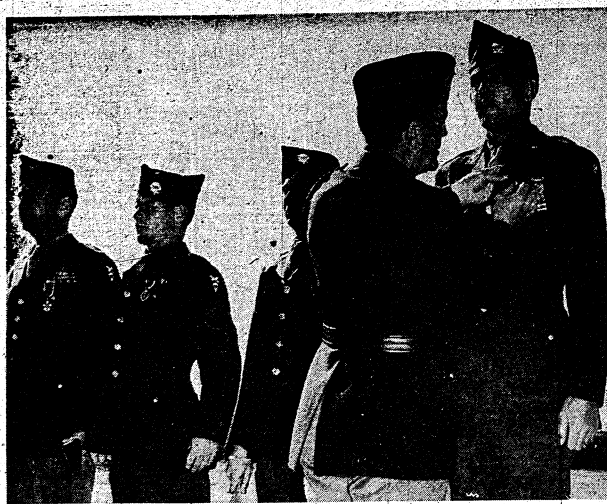
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ship sailing for China and the Boxer Rebellion.

Odds 'Tis to One'

After five months in which he saw all the fighting from "Fubow on up," Sergeant Whitton returned to his outfit to become Chief of Scouts under Maj. Gen. Arthur MacArthur, father of Gen. Douglas MacArthur. He terms that the toughest fighting he has ever seen, with hand-to-hand engagements every other day and the odds "always ten to one against you." He concluded his third one-year hitch in 1901 with a promotion to battalion sergeant major, because, he adds, "with a wry grin, 'I was AWOL for five months.'"

Sergeant Whitton spent his next 16 peacetime years with a sedate outfit, the Secret Service. But in 1917 he rushed back into harness of knowledge of motors earned him a place with the Second Engineers and the Tank and Motor Transport Corps. He saw action at St. Mihiel, Chateau-Thierry, Verdun and Marne.

Truckmaster at Benning

After returning to the States he became Chief of Operations for the Fourth Corps area and Chief Truckmaster at Fort Benning, Ga. In his discharge in 1920 he held the rank of master engineer, senior grade, a rating equivalent to chief warrant officer. It wasn't until April 15, 1942, that the then 64-year-old sergeant was able to rejoin his beloved Army. He had tried enlisting on December 8, 1941. After battling the Adjutant General and the Secretary of War, he was permitted by a special regulation to reenlist. Now a grandfather, Sergeant Whitton served with a few ordnance outfits and as supervisor of the post motor pool at Fort Benning before he finally persuaded authorities to permit him to rejoin his own family. But he'd have trouble giving orders, because one of his sons is a full colonel, another a lieutenant colonel, another a major and one daughter is a captain in the Army Nurse Corps. S-Sgt. Whitton hopes to return to Fort Benning as an instructor. He plans to stay in the Army this time until he is retired.

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Former Merchant Marine Ensign Is Teacher at TIS

Typical of enlisted specialists from the Academic Regiment, teaching radio classes in the Communication Section of The Infantry School is Pvt. William Helsel, radio code instructor. He was selected, as are many Infantry School instructors, because of extensive experience in his particular technical field as a civilian.

Private Helsel is a graduate of the Williamsport Technical Institute. During the war, he was a radio officer, with the rank of ensign, in the United States Merchant Marine. He was charged with keeping the ships radio equipment in working condition and keeping on the alert for submarine warnings. Helsel is passing on this valuable radio experience to his code students.

On his wartime sea voyages, Helsel visited Europe, South America and the Far East and tells interesting tales of his experiences.

My most memorable experience of my war years, recalls, "was a trip up the Seine river in 1945. It was a warm day in early spring and the banks of the river were green with new grass and gay with wild flowers. Suddenly I came upon a beautiful city of Rouen. It seemed little more than a shambles with its shell-gutted buildings and its ruined streets. The people of the city were raggedly dressed and their grey faces reflected the strain of many sleepless nights. In spite of the fact that victory was near and it was a beautiful day, the people were very happy faces, among those who walked through the town streets, who it seemed to be in mourning.

Sergeant Sasser returned home and resumed his position with the Sasser Insurance Agency of Columbus, which is operated by his mother, Mrs. Roy C. Sasser, Sr. and his brother, Mr. Scott Sasser. But upon learning that Lawson Field, IX Troop Carrier Command Base at Ft. Benning, was accepting enlistments and re-enlistments for the AAF, he decided to re-enter the Service and put to use his former Army training.

Among the sergeant's decorations are the EAME Ribbon with battle stars and the Good Conduct and Victory Ribbons.

Commando Kelly Ventures Into Business Battle

By Pfc. Ky Lander

The March 2nd issue of Saturday Evening Post features an article by Richard Tregaskis about early (Commando) Kelly, the Congressional Medal of Honor winner who was stationed at The Infantry School from July 1945 to July 1946, when he was discharged at Fort MacPherson.

Enlisted "Commando Kelly, Businessman," the intimate article tells of the Pittsburgh hero's typically bold venture into the business battle, as a filling station proprietor. He also recites some of the colorful ex-sergeant's civilian exploits since his discharge, such as "driving about the crowded streets of Pittsburgh's Golden Triangle at speeds of fifty or sixty miles an hour. He also loves to play with literal fire, and tells what a big kick it was to toss those mortal shells, using them like hand grenades at Altaville, Italy; and later to repeat the experiment, for demonstration purposes, at Ft. Benning."

Tregaskis says "In his way, Chuck Kelly has already shown an aptitude for business and finance. Take, for instance, the matter of the engagement ring he bought for his wife, May. He was still at Fort Benning when he bought the bauble. He paid "two or three hundred dollars" for it, then won his money back from the seller in a crap game—with an additional hundred dollars."

Kept General Walling Infantry School Personnel will no doubt remember that the "Commando" (with Maj. Gen. Fred L. Walker, his former commander in the 36th Division and then Commandant of the School in attendance) was married on March 12, 1945 in Phenix City, Ala., to Miss May Boish, also of Pittsburgh. The wedding was held in Russell county courthouse and true to form, the unpredictable Kelly showed up late, keeping General Walker waiting 20 minutes.

While at Benning, "Commando" Kelly was in B Co., Academic Regiment. Besides serving as an instructor in heavy weapons, he was in one of the units of the "Pete's" Four Infantry "show which traveled on war bond tours.

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Sgt. Sasser Reenlists at Lawson Field

Sgt. Roy C. Sasser, of 300 Warm Springs Road, Columbus, an overseas veteran, after three months of civilian life has re-enlisted in the Regular Army at Lawson Field. He has been assigned to the 81st Air Base Unit and will serve as a teletype operator at Base Headquarters.

Inducted into the service in July 1942 Sergeant Sasser underwent basic training at Ft. Monmouth, N. J., and was graduated from the Signal Corps Teletype and Message Center School. He went overseas with the 90th Signal Company, Depot Aviation from Robbins Field, Ga., in January 1943. Sergeant Sasser served in Casa Blanca, North Africa, and Sicily before going into Naples immediately after it was captured by the Allies to help set up Air Force General Depot No. 3. In Naples his unit was assigned to the Mediterranean Allied Air Forces, with Headquarters in Caserta, Italy. He returned to the States on November 1945, and shortly thereafter received his discharge at Ft. McPherson.

Sergeant Sasser returned home and resumed his position with the Sasser Insurance Agency of Columbus, which is operated by his mother, Mrs. Roy C. Sasser, Sr. and his brother, Mr. Scott Sasser. But upon learning that Lawson Field, IX Troop Carrier Command Base at Ft. Benning, was accepting enlistments and re-enlistments for the AAF, he decided to re-enter the Service and put to use his former Army training.

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